Comprehensive Educational Policy

2429. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even after declaring India as a democratic country for more than 56 years, we have not been able to formulate any comprehensive educational policy;

(b) whether Government are contemplating to constitute 'National Commission on Education' to sort out the prevailing unrest and difficulties being faced by the student community all over the country;

(c) if so, the details of terms and conditions of such a Commission; and

(d) the time by when it would be constituted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir. The National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986 (as modified in 1992), which was based on an in-depth review of the entire education sector and formulated on the basis of a national consensus, enunciates a comprehensive framework to guide the development of education in the country in its entirety. The NPE continues to be of relevance.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Foreign educational institutions in higher education

2430. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of an offer of the Commerce Ministry made to World Trade Organisation (WTO) to allow foreign educational institutions in the country to provide higher education; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and his Ministry's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.